

Charaideo Maidam Archaeological Site

Name Of The Work : Renovation and Maintenance of Archaeological Sites and Monuments of Assam Under Annual Plan 2016-2017.

Location : Charaideo Maidam Archaeological Site,
Sukafa Nagar, Charaideo District, Assam.

Amount Allocated : Rupees Five Lakhs (5.00 L) for the year 2016-17.

Brief Description of the Site : Charaideo once a sacred place of the Morans and Barahis, bears the sacred memory of the Ahom Kings. It was here that Sukafa, the great Ahom King set up his capital in 1253 A.D. Charaideo can be divided into three principal areas capital area, cemetery area and sacred area. Though no structural evidence of the capital area is exposed at present, the remains of cemetery area and religious area still can be seen. It was here the members of the royal Ahom families were buried according to Ahom customs and rituals. The Directorate has exposed and restored one of the Maidams for display to the visitors. The total area of the site is *578 bighas 2 kathas and 10 lessas* .In the year 2014 the site has been included in the tentative list of World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Brief Description of the Works done in the year 2016-17 :

Renovation Works:

Item No. 1/- Renovation Works: The existing boundary walls, gates, grills, railings, sign boards has been renovated and painted.

Protection Works

Item No. 2/ Providing of Cultural, Protection and Direction Signage: Two numbers florescent sign boards has been fixed at the site with description of cultural and protection note .

Item No.3/ Goat Proof Fencing: 159 meter of goat proof fencing has been fixed at the site for protection of gardening works.

Public Amenities :

Item No.4/ Sitting Arrangements: 6 (Six) numbers of cast iron gloster chair has been fixed at the site for the visitors.

Item No.5/ Dust Bin: 6 (Six) numbers of MS drum dustbin has been fixed at the site.

Gardening Works :

Item No.6/ Ornamental Shrubs: 120 numbers of ornamental shrubs of local variety has been planted at the site.

Item No.7/ Hedge Plantation: 244 meters of hedge (Duranta Variety) has been planted at the site by adopting single row method.

Item No.8/ Construction of Pergola : A pergola has been constructed with MS angle and pipes with barbed wire and chain link fencing and climbing flowers has been planted as creepers to climb to the structure including sub enclosures to the planted flowers.

Na Pukhuri Shiva Temple Archaeological Site

Name Of The Work : Maintenance and Development of Archaeological Sites and Monuments of Assam Under Annual Plan 2016-2017.

Location : Na-Pukhuri Shiva Temple Archaeological Site,
Na-Pukhuri, Rudrasagar, Sivasagar District, Assam.

Amount Allocated : Rupees Eight Lakhs (8.00 L) for the year 2016-17.

Brief Description of the Site : Na-Pukhuri Shiva Temple is situated at a place called Na-Pukhuri, Rudrasagar, in Sivasagar Sub Division of Sivasagar District of Assam. The site could be reached by travelling 8 KM from Sivasagar town by A.T. road towards Jorhat. The Na-Pukhuri Shiva Temple is a brick built temple of *pancharatha* in ground plan was constructed in 1773 A.D. during the reign of *Swargadeo* Lakshmi Singha (1769-1780) and consecrated during the reign of Gourinath Singha (1780-1794). The monument was constructed on the bank of historical Rudrasagar Tank which is also called Na-Pukhuri Tank. The Sivasagar Zonal Office of the Directorate of Archaeology, Assam is also situated adjacent to the monument campus.

Brief Description of the Works done in the year 2016-17 :

Protection Works:

Item No. 1/- Renovation of Boundary Fencing: The site has a boundary constructed with barbed wire and R.C.C. post. A total of 660.00 meter of damaged boundary fencing has been repaired and renovated in the year 2016-17.

Item No.2/Brick Drain: A total of 185 meter brick drain has been constructed at the site for proper drainage system at the site.

Item No. 3/ Providing of Cultural, Protection and Direction Signage: Four numbers florescent sign boards has been fixed at the site with description of cultural and protection note and directional signage,

Item No.4/ Goat Proof Fencing: 50 meter of goat proof fencing has been fixed at the site for protection of gardening works.

Item No.5/ Earth Filling: A total of 295.65 cubic meter of earth has been filled up at the low lying areas of the site to stop water logging problems.

Public Amenities :

Item No.6/ Dust Bin : Two numbers of MS drum dustbin has been fixed at the site.

Item No.7/ Sitting Arrangements: Five numbers of cast iron gloster chair has been fixed at the site for the visitors.

Gardening Works :

Item No.8/ Ornamental Shrubs: 20 numbers of ornamental shrubs of local variety has been planted at the site.

Restoration Work:

Item No.9/ Restoration of the Crack Developed at the ground of the Site: In the year 2014, a 180 meter long longitudinal crack was developed at the ground of the site due to plying of heavy vehicles of ONGC on the road beside the temple campus and also drying up of the Rudrasagar Tank. Part of the crack was healed gradually by filling of water to the Tank, and the remaining part of the crack was filled up by preparing earth of same quality to the original one of the bank on which the monument was constructed. The earth was filled to the crack by mechanical grouting and has been kept for observation for one month.